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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

"A God-fearing nation like ours owes it to its in-born and sincere sense of moral duty to testify its devout gratitude to the All Giver for the countless benefits it has enjoyed. For many years it has been customary at the close of the year for the national executive to call upon his fellow countrymen to offer praise and thanks to God for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to them in the past, and to unite in earnest suppliance for their continuance.

"This year now drawing to a close has been notably favorable to our fortunate land. At peace within and without, free from the perturbations and calamaties that have afflicted other people; rich in harvests so abundant and industries so productive, that the overflow of our prosperity has advantaged the whole world; strong in the steadfast conservation of the heritage of self-improved by good use to our children and our children's children for all time to come, the people of this country have abounding government bequeathed to us by the wisdom of our fathers and firm in the resolution to transmit that heritage unimpaired but rather cause for contented gratitude.

"Wherefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in pursuance of long established usage and in responce to the wishes of the American people, invite my countrymen, wheresoever they may sojourn, to join, on Thursday, the 28th day of this month of November, in appropriate ascription of praise and thanks to God for the good gifts that have been our portion, and in humble prayer, that his great mercy towards us may endure.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this 7th day of November in the year of our Lord, 1912, and of the independence of the United States of America, the 137th.

"William H. Taft."

"By the President:

"Alvey A. Adee, acting secretary of state."

EDITORIAL.

A VOICE OUT OF THE CLOUD.

"There came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him. And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone." Luke 9:35, 36. Golden Text for Sunday ,November 24.

That Peter heard the voice out of the cloud, declaring the Sonship of the Father, can not be doubted. In the Second epistle of Peter 1:17, 18, we find these words "For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there was bore such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory, This is by beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; and this voice we ourselves heard borne out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy mount."

John Stuart Mill, one of the most precocious minds of modern times, himself in many cases a skeptic and a doubter truthfully said "It is useless to say that Christ as he is exhibited in the Gospels, is not historical. Who among his followers or his proselytes was capable of inventing the sayings ascribed to Jesus, or of imangining the life and character revealed in the Gospels?"

And you cannot separate, in the life of Christ, that which was natural from that which was supernatural, the ordinary from the extraordinary. The two are so interwoven and made one that it is silly and senseless to try to separate them. If you believe in Christ's poverty, you must believe in His riches; if you believe in His Cross, you must believe in His Crown; if you have faith in His humiliation you must have faith in His triumph. In the lesson of today He ascends the high heights. To rob Him, in our beliefs, of one spark of His glory and majesty and victory there, is to do violence to our faith, and break up the foundations of our hope. It was the voice of God in visible form that descended from Heaven and declared Him to be the beloved Son in whom God himself was well pleased. No wonder God was well pleased with Him. He was then, as in all His life He had been, doing the perfect will of God. If God had not been pleased with him then, He certainly would be plaesed with him now, when the centuries have rolled by, and when in Christ's good name more good has been done in the world, more lives lifted up, more reforms wrought, more souls redeemed, more charity done, than in any other name ever known on this earth.

There are today, not one voice from the cloud, but millions of voices from peoples of this earth, neighbors, friends and acquaintances, redeemed and happy in Christ, who are saying, This is the Son of God in whom God and men are well pleased.

This voice from the cloud was the voice of God. Moses heard it calling to him from the burning bush. Samuel heard it calling him and thought it was the voice of the priest Eli. Jonah heard it telling him to go to Ninevah and preach to the people of the destruction of the wicked city. Paul heard it on the road to Damascus. John heard it again and again on the Isle of Patmos.

This voice always calls to duty, to deeds and to daring. "This is my beloved Son: hear ye him." And as many as hear that voice, and heed its gentle warnings, or obey its stern commands, go thence from a lower to a higher plane of living and activity.

Every Sabbath now we hear a voice from the clouds when the man of God stands up to read from the Book, and faithfully proclaims the message of peace and undying love. We repeat, those who hear and heed this voice go to higher holier and happier lives. The voice from the cloud, the voice from above, calling us to nobler deeds and better thoughts, is the voice of God. Hear it.

THE MISSIONARY SITUATION.

We of the Christian church must become more missionary, not less so. This has been the worst trouble with us so far; we have not done our part in helping evangelize the world. We seem to be content to try to hold our own; and when that is the case we do not hold our own. We are not holding our own now. We can't. We are trying too hard to do so, and so we are going backwards.

Here is our shame: "Deeper in debt now than we were five years ago, and no more missionaries on the field now than then—not as many." To our thinking that is unpardonable. It certainly cannot be excused. That is simply brought about, such a condition as that is, by egregious blunders, by lack of leadership, or through misdirected energy. In a time of prosperity, such as we have enjoyed, with people talking missions as they never have talked them, with laymen's movements and a strenuous effort on every where "to evangelize the world in this generation," for a great denomination to go backward instead of forwards is deplorable and shows a galling and grievious lack somewhere.

Think of how many millions of dollars more our people have now than they had six years ago, and of how much more liberal the time is in which we live than that of six years ago!

Retrenchment! Retrenchment! As if that were the way to reform. We have retrenched now till the whole situation is deplorable.. What we need is not retrenchment, but reform; not regress, but progress. Brethren, what on earth is the matter with our foreign missionary situation?

We know whereof we speak, and say it not unadvisedly that the Southern Christian Convention can easily support every missionary now supported by the entire American Christian Convention, and not be the poorer, but the richer and the happier for the undertaking. And if the matter of retrenchment and calling home missionaries is to continue this writer for one will gladly make the motion that our Convention offer to do this very thing—take over the whole business of paying the missionaries till the General Board can pay up its back debts at any rate, and stop going backwards.

Nor would this be a burdensome task. We are not giving enough for foreign missions. Our Southern Convention is not stirred, nor agitated, nor plead with for foreign missions. As evidence note: It has been years since a single individual in all our churches of the Southern Convention offered himself for the foreign field, and one of the three who have offered for the foreign field within our memory is now at home, and has been for about three years, without funds, we presume, to support him in the foreign field. Will some body tell us why the good Lord in selecting missionaries, passes by all the churches of the Southern Christian Convention, and for years drafts not a one of our young people into His service? He is callig missionaries from other churches all around us. Have we offended the Lord that He deals with us so? Our thought is that it is because nobody is talking and preaching and pleading and praying missions amongst us. Nobody is burdened with the missionary needs and demands, and so we sleep The missionary situation seems out of joint some way. Have you heard of any mothers or fathers in the Christian church praying that their son or daughter may offer for the foreign field? Have you seen meetings, conferences, or conventions stirred in Christian churches by any of our young people offering for the foreign field? Brethren, something is vitally wrong with us as touching the missionary situation. Can't we wake up, look about, and discover the trouble, remedy it and go forward? The matter is vital, and the situation seems to us alarm-

ing. Is it any wonder that we are standind still as to church membership? that some conferences are losing instead of gaining members? Wt are doing practically nothng for missions. And God can't prosper a non-missionary people, and keep His word.

IN PLACE OF FATHER AND MOTHER.

As noted on first page this week, President Taft has issued a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States, wherever they may so-journ, to join in praising God and giving thanks, next Thursday, November 28th, for the many blessings ,bounties and benefits the Lord has given us the past year, and in laying before Him our petitions that these blessings may continue. This is a most fitting and appropriate thing to do.

While this is purely an American institution, it is none the less a most meritorious one. The Pilgrim fathers, when they had gathered their first harvests from scanty New England soils, were collected together to thank God for His goodness and loving kindness. When the War was over and there was peace with England George Washington, our first President, called on the people to assemble at their places of worship and praise God for His goodness and great mercy. From time to time thereafter the people were communed together for purpose of praise and thanksgiving, till since the days of President Lincoln the custom of an annual Thanksgiving has been established and is now commonly observed throughout the country.

On this day of all the days, we should remember with our substance such as have been less fortunate than ourselves. Particurally appropriate is it to Christian Sun readers to remember our Christian Orphanage where we have fifty children housed who are looking to us for food and shelter and raiment. These are they who, from misfortunes and bereavements,have been entrusted to our care and keeping. Into their parental home went one day the grim messenger death and struck down the strong arm or the gentle hand that was their stay and support. Mother gone, or father gone, or in some instancees both, our Church steps in and says "I will be to you in the place of father, mother, loved one." This is the work of the Orphanage. It is our Saviour's gospel of love put into practise. If you, good reader, would have a part in this worthy work, remember these needy ones in your Thanksgiving next Thursday. And may God give you a glad heart and a liberal hand in the giving.

COME TO ELON AND SEE.

"Coeducation has been a constant source of trouble at nearly every college where it is practised on a general scale. Apparently it must be practised in a restricted way, or through the annex plan, to operate with any success."Thus The Charlotte Observer editorially, on a recent date. Why what in the world are you talking about Col. Harris? The most effectual reply that could be made to the above would be for the courteous and country Colonel to take a day off from arduous editorial duties and come over to Elon, and see. He would find here more than three hundred students, say sixty per cent. male and forty per cent. female. as kind, gracious, good looking and well behaved as he would find at any college any where. He would find that in a history of twenty two increasingly successful years there had never been a scandal, nor the remotest approach to one, never a run-away marriage episode, neither an expulsion, nor a suspension of male or female because of the presence, attitude, bearing or conduct of the one sex to the other. He would find that coeducation instead of being a hurt had been a help, a real genuine stimulus to scholarship, morality, good manners and religious activity among the students here. He would find that those who twenty two years ago questioned the propriety of making Elon coeducational had been thoroughly convinced of its wisdom, and possible patrons of the institution who were foes to coeducation have long since become convinced, and are among the most enthusiastic friends both of Elon and coeducation.

We do not know how coeducation works off yonder and elsewhere, but this we do know, that it is an avowed and unquestioned success at Elon College, and its advantages, as compared with disadvantages in unmixed schools, are so numerous and apparent that all any person can need to be convinced is to come to Elon College and see.

Take a day off, Colonel, come and see one of the easiest managed, most well handled and orderly set of college students you ever looked upon, and your notion will take a somersault, or we are badly fooled. Come over, Colonel.

Woodrow Wilson, President-elect.

Born Staunton, Va., December 28,1856, the son of a Presbyterian minister. Attended Davidson College, N. C. in 1873. Entered Princeton University in 1875 graduated in 1879. Studied law at University of Virginia in 1880. Practised law in Atlanta Ga., 1882-1883. Married Miss Helen Louise Axson, Savannah, Ga., June 24, 1885, to whom there are now three grown daughters. Associate Professor of History and Political Economy in Bryn Mawr College 1885-8. Professor of Jurisprudence and politics in Princeton 1890-1902. President Princeton University Aug. 1, 1902 to October 20, 1910. Became Governor of New Jersey Jan. 17, 1911. Nominated by Democrats at Baltimore for the presidency July 2, 1912. Elected President by the largest majority of electeral votes ever given a candidate Nov. 5, 1912. Is to take oath of office as Chief Executive March 4, 1913. Govenor Wilson is a man of marked personal piety, a member of the Presbyterian church and a regular attendant at church services. Is author of several books, the most noted of which "The State" is used as a text book in many colleges and Universities.

The Turks and Statistics.

About the best story we have seen illustrative of the Turk's way of handling facts and juggling with statistics is sent out in a pamphlet by the State Board of Health. The French Government and the Ottoman Government had agreed to exchange vital statistics. In keeping with this agreement the Chief Magistrate of the ancient and famous city of Damascus, now inhabited by Turks, is said to have filled out the blank sent him and forwarded it to the French Government as follows:

"*Question.* What is the death rate of the city? *Answer.* In Damascus everybody dies on the command of Allah. Some die young, some die old, but everyone must die.

Q. What is the rate of births? *A.* I can not answer this question. Allah alone knows that.

Q. What is the supply of drinking water? *A.* Since time immemorial nobody died of want of water in the city of Damascus.

Q. How much goods are imported? How much are exported? *A.* I never care of my neighbor's business, and I can not say how many camel loads are brought to and carried from Damascus.

Q. General remarks pertaining to the health and welfare of the people. *A.* Since Allah has sent his prophet, Mohammed, into the world, who has cleasnsed the world with fire and sword, things are a little better, but there is much to be done yet, and much room for improvement.

And now,my sweet lamb, do not ask any more questions, which are neither good for you nor anybody else. This is the first and last blank I fill out for you."

ELON COLLEGE LETTER.

A few years ago there died in New York City a layman of wealth, who had a vision of the immense possibilities for good his wealth brought him. During his life-time he had been liberal to all the enterprises of his mother Church, especially to her educational institutions founding two of them and endowing several others liberally, among them our own Elon, to which he gave $30,000. And he determined that his property should be a perpetual good in doing the Master's service, to which end he left his wealth amounting to nearly $2,000,000 in trust to a corporation to be administered as they should judge wisest and best to further Christian Education in general and the education of young ministers in particular. That man was Francis Asbury Palmer, and the Corporation that handles the property he left to so noble an end is known as the Francis Asbury Palmer Board.

Mr. Palmer began life under adverse circumstances, humanly speaking, without wealth and without liberal education, but unlike a great many other successful men he did not on that account regard education as unnecessary to highest attainment, and as we have seen left his wealth as a perpetual monument of his belief in that which he was unable personally to enjoy. When a youth he went to New York City, then in its infancy as to size, and began driving a stage coach. He was frugal and alert and soon owned a coach of his own; then two coaches; then a system of coaches. Later he turned to banking and was founder and president till his death of the Broadway National Bank. He was a fine example of a Christian business man. He early joined the Christian Church, but on going to New York connected himself with the Broadway Tabernacle, of which Dr. Charles E. Jefferson is pastor now and was during the last years of Mr. Palmer's life-time, though his love for his mother church continued undimmed and was evidenced continuously by large benevolences.

Mr. Palmer's favorite text of Scripture was this: "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord," and many who knew him intimately have assured me that he lived up to it fully. No man was more strict in meeting business duties and obligations than he. His spirit was fervent—he did not do things by halves; he believed in or disbelieved in a measure with all his power. His enthusiasm, however, was controlled and kept in balance by his excellent judgment and praise. That he served his Lord is evident by his liberality during the years of his long life-time and by the ample provision for the Kingdom made by the terms of his will that created the Francis Asbury Palmer Board.

This Board, too, feels as kindly toward Elon as did its generous patron and creator. It has made many of Elon's Faculty and Alumni beneficiaries of the bequest at their disposal for their higher education and it has yearly since its organization remembered the College itself with substantial donations for current expenses or special purposes. Last November the College received from it a gift of $1,500 on current expenses, and last May another gift of $1,000 for the porch and fire escapes, and now it is our pleasure to announce another gift of $2,000 on current expenses. To receive such consideration at the hands of this Board, which is besieged, literally besieged, with applications for their assistance, humbles us, but encourages us, under God's guidance, to do our best, our very best, to care for that portion of His vineyard committed to Elon. And not only do we here rejoice over this liberal donation from these Christian men, but Elon's thousands of loyal, sacrificing friends everywhere will rejoice with us and feel grateful to the Board that has so graciously remembered us.

It is also with peculiar pleasure that we may announce that Dr. Martyn Summerbell, Lakemont, N. Y., and Dr. Frank S. Child, Fairfield, Conn., President and Secretary respectively of this Board are to visit the College this winter. These scholarly, gracious, cultured Christian gentlemen are always welcome here with open hand and sincere heart.

W. A. Harper.

PAGE VALLEY LETTER.

Since writing my last letter we have crossed the Massanuttin Mountain into Page Valley and Page county. Our new home is at Leaksville, 5 miles from Luray. We were given a cordial reception by the members of Leaksville church and other friends here. We are amidst a kind, hospitable people who are thoughtful of the comfort of their pastor and his wife. Our move here was primarily one of expediency—to be more centrally located in our work, thus saving several hundred miles travel a year. I am serving 8 churches this year: Bethlehem, Concord, Mayland, Leaksville, Newport, East Liberty, Wood's Chapel and Whistler's Chapel. So you see I am kept right busy. Leaksville, Newport and East Liberty are on the East or Page side of the Massanuttin. The other churches of my charge are on the west side. From our home we have a delightful view of the Massanuttin and also of the Blue Ridge. If the saying that most of our great men were reared either near the sea or the mountains be true here is certainly an opportunity to achieve greatness, if, as I fear, I have not reached these scenes of beauty and grandeur too late in life.

Perhaps it would be interesting to some of my friends in the "Old North State" for me to give a more detailed account of my work; so I begin with Leaksville the church nearest to us, I preach here 1st Sundays, usually to a large and appreciative audience. We have here as large a per centage of the members actively engaged in the work as in any of my churches. An evergreen Sunday school is one of the features of the work here. On the 5th Sunday evening in September a delightful program was rendered by the children. It was planned by the Superintendent, Bro. R. E. Short, and the Primary teacher, Miss Lena Modesitt, who trained the children. It was an evening of pleasure, instruction and inspiration. Newport is situated 6 miles from our home, and is another church that enjoys large congregations. The S. S. has given no special services this year, but under the consecrated superintendency of Bro. E. L. Louderback and his faithful teachers we have a good Sunday school here. At East Liberty we have a large membership, but on account of some of the members being quite a distance from the church, and other reasons the burden of the work falls on a few of the members. Here the Sunday schools in connection with the Episcopal Sunday school gave an interesting program on Children's Day, which was the 4th Saturday in September. It was arrangtd by Bro. Andrews of the Episcopal church, who is superintendent of both schools, and Miss Elizabeth Lucas, of Liberty church, who trained the children and we who were present testify that she did it well. We held an interesting meeting there, beginning the week after the 3rd Sunday in October. There were 3 accessions, and others are expected to join later. Bethlehem is one of our oldest churches, being one of the churcehs of the Old Virginia Valley Conference. Here also is a good Sunday school that runs the winter through. The school can boast that not a session was missed last winter, though one Saturday night the temperature was as low as 24 below zero and at 9:30 Sunday morning it was considerably below zero. For something over a year Rev. L. L. Lassiter and the writer have been associated in the pastoral work here and we note with gratitude an increase in attendance and in-

terest. Bethlehem has a flourishing Christian Endeavor Society. Prof. Pulse Principal of the High School, is President of the Society, and is an efficient leader.

But, Brother Editor, I find that I have overrun my space, and I am just half done. If you will pardon me this time I will try to condense next time.

I wish to join in the general well wishing of our people for the succes of our new enterprise—the Publishing House.

R. L. Willamson.

Luray, Va., November 16, 1912.

GREENSBORO LETTER.

Only those who have moved can appreciate the tremendous strain of such a task. I believe there are but a few people who have not, at some time in their life, had to bundle up their little belongings and to shift to other quarters or climes. My experience the past three weeks, in packing and shipping, unloading and setting up; together with the annoyance of producing adequate fittings for rented quarters, has been a test of patience.

We are now at home 411 S. Eugene St., and congenially situated. The North Carolina and Virginia Conference meets with us next week, opening Tuesday afternoon at 2o'clock. We are busy getting ready for that and anticipate a profitable session.

I find a happy, congenial and cooperative people here,—willing and ready to do their best for the Master. I find them also ready to endure with patience the failures of a new pastor to grasp the whole situation at a single effort, and to remember their names by a single introduction. I feel much encouraged also to know that all do not remember me upon first introduction. I have met one or two who having heard me preach and also having had an introduction did not know me later when seen on the street. "Misery loves company." I feel better to know that I am not the only one who forgets. They all appreciate, as well as I do, the necessity of association as an aid to the memory, and that all the "strings" cannot be seized at once. They are gathered up one by one.

I am glad to find that the majority of our church and Sunday school are young people, earnest and consecrated workers. A useful future with large opportunities and possibilities lies before them. With the present interest and cooperation, the church must go forward with marked success.

My last Sunday with the Wwverly charge was October 27th. It was a glad day. It was rally day at Waverly, and well attended services at Spring Hill. Two hundred and nineteen were present at Waverly Sunday school Sunday morning. Special program had been prepared consisting of recitations and songs, reports of the various departments.

The regular services at Spring Hill in the afternoon were attended by a larger number than usual. We staid till night, for two reasons,—first to prepare reports etc. for the annual conference,—second, to say "Good Bye." This latter was a very hard thing to do. I did not know they loved me so well, neither did I know that I loved them so well. At the close of the sermon Brother C. C. Richardson, secretary of the church arose and, on behalf of the church and friends of the church, paid tribute to preceding pastors of fifty years or more, and made mention of me and my ministry in terms of which I am wholly unworthy. At the close he stepped forward and presented me with the handsome umbrella as a token of appreciation, love and esteem the church and friends held for me. I had intended to make some closing remarks fitting the occasion and feelings that throbbed within my bosom, but this was too much, my heart melted down and I never was able to express my gratitude. I wish through these columns to thank them one and all, for this expression of love, and not this alone but all other kindnesses for nine years past. I pray for their much success.

The services held at Waverly at night were largely attended. There were about four hundred people present. I was at my best in the Lord and the services were uplifting and inspiring. We received five new members into the church; six received the ordinance of baptism, four by immersion and two by effusion. I was so glad to close my ministry there with such a splendid outlook for the future of the church. Since leaving there, I have received a remittance of $82.50 from the Ladies' Aid Society of this church. This is a refund for rent of parsonage, and is given as a token of their esteem for me and my services. Words fail me to express my gratitude for this generous and unsurpassed kindness.

My last service at Centerville, on the third Sunday in October, was not without its tokens. At the close two prodigal young men came forward and penitently surrendered to Jesus. This made me happy. God bless them. Centerville is weak and poor, but rich in Christ Jesus.

In all the work of these churches, we have a consecrated and loyal set, and I feel that it is in a better condition at present than ever before. It is my daily prayer that God may keep them all in the hollow of his hand and prosper them according to his divine pleasure.

H. E. Rountree.

A MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The Mission Board by vote authorized the publication of an epitomized monthly statement of the condition of the Missionary Treasury. Little more can be done each month than to give brief totals of the month's business. For a complete, itemized statement readers are referred to the Mission Treasurer's annual report to be found in the November number of the Christian Missionary. If this annual report is carefully analyzed, these abridged statements from month to month will be better understood. In considering overdrafts and amounts owing to outside parties, readers should remember that from March to July is the period of the larger income for the treasury, therefore its condition from October to March usually shows abnormally bad. The statement follow:

Statement for October.

Receipts.

Received for Home Missions during the month	$ 157.51
Received for Foreign Missions during the month	1,516.77
Received from all other sources	235.94
Total	$1910.22
Of this amount $1,000.00 is borrowed	
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1912	2,619.26
Grand total	$4,529.48

Disbursements.

Paid out for Home Missions during the month	$1127.12
Paid out for Foreign Missions during the month	1,254.98
Paid for all other purposes	378.32
Total	$2,760. 42
Cash on hand October 30, 1912	1,769.06
Total	$4,529.48

Amount Due.

Overdrafts on Special Treasury funds to keep the work running	$4,950.74
Borrowed from outside parties	5,000.00
Total	$9,950.74
By subtracting cash on hand ($1769.06) the total indebtedness of the treasury Oct. 30, 1912 is	$8,181.68

Comparison

Total receipts for all purposes

Oct. 1911	Oct. '12.	
$1,433.80	$785.22	Less 648.58

	Oct. 1911	Oct. '12	
Home Missions	427.14	157.51	269.63

	Oct. 1911	Oct. '12.	
Foreign Missions	723.80	517.77	207.03

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Bishob, Missiin Treasurer.

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The Office of Publication is Greensboro, N. C., 302½ S. Elm St. The Editorial Office is at Elon College, N. C., as heretofore, to which office all communications for the editor should be directed.

—Dr. J. G. Bishop and wife are at Stanfordville N. Y. for a well eearned vacation of a few days.

—Rev. W. W. Staley D. D. Suffolk, Va. in transmitting a new subscriber to the Sun graciously remarks "This is my starter. Have been too busy since conference to do any thing, but will make my effort in December." Thanks.

—The children mostly from the Orphanage, and from Mrs. Foster's and Mrs. McNally's Sunday school classes will have charge of the major portion of the Thanksgiving services at Elon College in the chapel at 10:30 A. M. Thanksgivin_, Thursday nov. 28, Friends are invited and the exercises may be depended upon to be worth while even for those at a distance to come and see.

—You had possibly not noticed the great victory prohibition won in West Virginia at the recent election. It was constitutional amendment, too, for prohibition 125,759: against, 49,586, the majority in favor being 76,173. A few more and it would have been unanimous. And now watch West Virginia go forward in natural and moral development sure to come .

—Govenor Kitchen gives his expenses, in the recent primary, in trying to beat Senator Simmons for his seat in the U. S. Senate as $6,782.38. The feeling prevails that Govenor Kitchen hurt his own cause very greatly by attacking, rather bitterly, his chief opponent, Mr. Simmons. The day of rising in the world, to business or political preferement, by pulling another down, has passed.

—We have received the following "Mrs. Lillian Dean Siddle requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Ola Maud to Mr. Edward William Walker on the morning of Wednesday Nov 20th 1912 at 11o'clock at home Ruffin,N. C." Our friend Edward is the son of the late lamented Rev. W. T. Walker, and is himself a successful traveling salesman. We extend hearty congratulations.

—We have received the following for which thanks are expressed. "Mr. and Mrs W. H. Jones Jr. invite you to be present at the marriage af their daughter, Emmie, to Mr. Horace Whaley Phipps on the evening of Wednesday the 27th of November 1912 at 6 o'clock Christian Church, Suffolk, Va." Miss Emmie is a most admirable young woman of many charmes and graces and our heartiest congratulations are extended to the fortunate man.

—Added to the horrors of war, it is reported that there are a thousand cases of cholera daily in and around Constantinople, and that the death rate has reached 50 per cent., and the authorities are so far powerless to cope with the situation. The day of reckoning with the unspeakable Turk, and has fanatical religion that "He who dies on the battle field goes straight to glory; and a day with the sword is better than two weeks of fasting and prayer," seems to have arrived.

—Elon College rejoices in again being liberally remembered by the Francis Asbury Palmer Fund, this time with an appropriation of $2,000.00 as announced by President Harper at Chapel Monday A. M. Mr. Palmer though dead yet speaketh, and his money goes on benefitting needy men and women who are hungry for education. No mortal can estimate the good of a life like that to the world. Every dollar of this fund that comes to Elon is invested in brains, and charcter.

—Dr. A. W. Lightbourne's work in Dover, Del. seems to go forward, and the outlook for our Christian churches on the peninsula grows brighter and more exceedingly helpful all the while. Since the organization of the Delmarvia Conference last June the work has been broadening in Delaware, and other ministers than Dr. Lightbourne have been pushing our good work forward in those quarters. The Sun hopes to be able to give an item of great worth and interest from this point at an early datee.

—Rev. P. H. Fleming D. D. 107 Richardson St. High Point, N. C. writes under date Nov. 16 "We have reorganized at Asheboro and have now twenty-eight members. We have the names of twenty-six for membership at High Point. I have preached twenty times since I have been on the work and have made one hundred and five calls." Bro Fleming feels encouraged and thinks the work hopeful at both points named. We happen to know that the people are delighted with Bro. Fleming and the good work he is doing.

—I see from the Norfolk papers that my great hearted and gracious friend Mr. E. J. Brickhouse, died at his home Lovitt Ave. Norfolk, Saturday evening last at 7:30 o'clock. What a noble soul and generous heart was this. He loved the church well; he made life agreeable and happy for those who were arounc about him; he served his day and generation nobly; and his kindly deeds and great charity will live to influence lives for righteousness in the years and generations yet to be. The heart broken wife, the three splendid daughters, Mrs. Birdsall, Misses Fannie W. and Margaret H., and the two worthy sons, T. E. and Edward, all have our heartiest sympathy in this sad hour. Dr. Dennison was to conduct the funeral services Monday P. M. at 3:30 o'clock.

—It certainly does help a fellow to get mixed up with good and great and hustling man. TheSun's editor is not infrequently taken for the President of Elon College and is heartily congratulated upon the great growth the College is now enjoying. If the College were going backwards and losing ground and we were sympathized with or censured for it we would say, "Excuse us. You have the wrong man. This is not the President of the College, but the editor of The Christian Sun." But when the congratulations and felicitations come, we just blushingly utter never a word, except to modestly (?) hang our heads, and say "Thank you." We don't feel exactly right about the performance, and so reckon it all as an emolument and compensation for mixing along up with great and good men, the President, and the Dean, and the high officers of Elon. Wherefore we conclude that it certainly is an honor to live at Elon College, and the only reason it is not a joy forever is because we haven't lived here that long

DEACON W. T. YOUNG ILL.

The many friends of Capt. W. T. Young, Youngsville, N. C., will regret to learn that he was forced to leave the recent session of the Eastern North Carolina Conference after its first day on account of having contracted severe cold. He returned home and took his bed, requiring the professional attendance of his physician twice daily since. Bro. Young is now beyond the eightieth mile-stone, but yet one of the most active laymen of his conference. Many sincere admirers of this good soldier of the Cross will remember him at a throne of mercy that his life may be spared, if God's will, to bless his

day and generation many years to come by consecrated, devout, loyal, sacrificing service. Elon has no more loyal friend than Deacon W. T. Young.

W. A. Harper.

E. J. BRICKHOUSE DEAD.

(Following telegram explains.)

Rev. J. O. Atkinson,
Elon College, N. C.

Edward J. Brickhouse passed away Saturday evening, funeral Monday. Great loss to family and our church. He had intense interest in Memorial Temple. Gave liberally to all work and was generally loved. The fight was long and death won the struggle. The end was peaceful.

Warren H. Denison.

Norfolk, Va., November 17, 1912.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

Mrs. Samuel H. Walton was born April 11, 1852, and died October 2, 1912. She was Ida M. Burgess and married Mr. Walton January 18, 1869. She was the mother of seven children: Sallie,infant, Fannie, Bennie, Maggie, Wallace and Edward. Sallie married Mr. Mayo, had one child, and husband and child both died; Fannie married Clarence Rice, was the mother of four children and died leaving two children: Wallace married May Hines and has two children. Sallie, Wallace, and Edward and their father survive the mother.

Mrs Walton had gone to Wilmington, N. C. to carry her little grand daughter to her father was taken sick and died in very few days and her remains were brought back to Suffolk and the funeral servicees were conducted from the residence on October 4th in the presence of a large and sympathetic group of friends.

Her life was full of "Good works and almsdeeds which she did." Nobody was sick or in distress on North street that she was not there with some delicacy, some service, or some word of cheer and comfort. Her home was a model of affection and faithful service. She was its light, its strength, its joy. Her busy hands obeyed her heart of love, and her life shed an influence of helpfulness and peace. She moved in her sphere as gracefully as a meadow brook among the grass and the lilies, and her doors swung open in welcome to all comers. In the Christian church she was so quiet and devoted that she came and went as quietly as morning and evening.

Her husband was a Confederate soldier, lost one eye, but keeps the faith and is one of God's faithful. When he misses Sunday school and church it is never of his choosing. His example is wholesome and he has the sympathy and prayers of a host of friends.

Miss Olivia Harrell, a widow and the mother of Raleigh C. Harrell, Grocer, and Mrs. Wm. H. Yates,all of Suffolk died October 12th after a lingering decline in health. Mrs Harrell was Miss Riddick before her marriage and her husband was an uncle of Rev. J. W. Harrell of Portsmouth. She and both of her children were members of the Suffolk Christian church. Her son Raleigh is President of the Baraca class and assistant chief of the morning group of ushers. Mrs. Harrel spent the year of her widowhood in the home of her son-in-law Wm. H. Yates, and had every attention a loving daughter could bestow upon a devoted mother; but the ravages of disease have no regard for character, love, or kindly service: hence months moved on with relentless and restless inroads upon her vital forces till the end came like tired nature goes to sleep, so sweetly did she pass from suffering to rest.

Mrs. Harrell was one of earth's gems, one of God's jewels. Modest, quiet, full of faith, with unfaltering trust in her heavenly Father, she bore her sickness patiently, resignedly, looking to Jesus as the author and finisher of her faith. Few Christians attain to the standard of living which she reached, and yet few people knew her real worth because of her lack of self-assertion. She lived within the precincts of her own being and her own family.

I was called to the funeral services of my brother-in-law,J. L. Mitchell, at Franklinton, N. C., on the very day Mrs. Harrell was buried, and Rev. H. H. Butler kindly conducted the funeral services at the Yates residence on October 14th. Brother Butler had been her pastor at Cypress Chapel before she moved to Suffolk, and selected that very appropriate text, "She hath done what she could."

Bethlehem Christian Church was the scene of a beautiful marriage at 3:00 P. M. Nov. 14,when Miss Jennie Lee Williams, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph T. Williams became the bride of Mr. Harry Lee Cross of Suffolk. The church had been elaborately decorated. Miss Ida Younger of Washington, D. C., rendered the bridal music on the piano. Miss Ethel Clements of Elon College sang, "Because" and "You and Love" Miss Mary Williams, the bride's sister, was maid of honor. Mrs. H. C. Pollard of Ossibee, N. C., was matron of honor. Katrine Williams and Carey Barrett were flower girls. J. T. Williams, Jr. was ring bearer. Her father gave her away. Rev. H. H. Butler read the service. The church was crowded with a well-behaved and interested audience.

Milton C. Jordan, Will Jordan, T. C. Harrell, Floyd Bradshaw served as ushers, all in evening dress. Miss Cook of Springfield Ohio, was mistress of ceremoines and decorations, and had displayed quiet taste in the use of native pines in the pulpit decoration. There is in every place the material for artistic display if you find one who can select and arrange it. The whole pulpit, in this case, was banked with pines, and when the candles were lighted, and streaks of sunlight through the closed blinds tipped the pine needles with silver and gold the effect was beautiful. To us God's nature and sunlight in such a way as to bring out their charm and glory was the work of an artist.

The bride and groom departed for a southern trip including Cuba and a postnuptial dinner at the home af the bride's parents ended the happy week of interested friends and guests.

The happy pair will reside in Suffolk where thee groom is engaged in business.

W. W. Staley.

NORFOLK LETTER.

Last week, after having mailed my letter to The Sun, just in time for it to reach Greensboro before the paper should go to press I returned to find that the program for Home Mission week, which I had intended to mail with the letter, had been omitted and was lying upon my desk. Hence, it did not appear. I send it along now, however, that though a little belated, Sun readers may still see something of what the seven Christian churches here have done this week.

It seems to be generally conceded that everywhere contributions to the great cause of Foreign Missions are being curtailed by the people. Why this should be so is a most interesting problem propounded, not only by our able editor Dr. Atkinson, but by many others. At the same time, it would appear very doubtful if any corresponding increase in the interest manifested in the work at home is being manifested. Obviously, therefore, the falling off in the support to the work in the foreign field cannot be attributed to a larger vision of home needs.

In view, further, of the fact that the churches are not in any straits financially, so far as the wealth of their membership is involved we are inevitably forced to conclude that the vision of our need and opportunity, both at home and abroad is being narrowed. May God for-

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Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavor.

This depatrment under the direct ion of Young People's General Convention. Frequent news items from Sunday schools, organized classes, and C. E. societies are desired. If you are interested in either or about to organize, address the department's editor,

CHARLES A. HINES, Editor and Cor. Sec., Greensboro, N. C

CHRISTMAS IN THE SCHOOL.

It is not too early to begin thinking about Christmas exercises in the Sunday school. In fact now is the time to begin work. Too many superintendents have good intentions about these things, but always procrastinate starting until it is too late.

The Sunday school is the best place in the community for a Christmas tree, to be preceeded by an entertainment. This will give an evening's fun and enjoyment that is wholesome, healthy and suited to the desires of the children. Don't let the opportunity for a tree go by this year.

Make the Christmas exercises for the whole community—every member of the church, Sunday school and congregation. Have one committee whose duty it is to get up a list of those to whom gifts are to be made. Appoint a big committee to solicit funds. Determine how much you will raise, give each one a definite part and a list from whom he shall solicit. In raising money it is always well to determine how much you will ask a person to give; he prefers that you fix the amount.

Have a committee on decorations, another on program. Let the exercises be seasonable, inspirational and devotional. Have a sufficient number of people to hand out the presents. If you can have a chimney provided and a Santa Claus, it gives a better impression to the children.

Our publishing house has a variety of exercises for Christmas entertainments and samples can be had upon request. Write for them now. From the David C. Cook Publishing Co., Elgin, Ill., you can get a catalog of every conceivable thing in Christmas decorations.

I urge this Christmas entertainment because I think it is important. It hurts a Sunday school not to be progressive and to fail to look after the interest of the children.

HOW ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

Have you thought of next year in the Sunday school? Soon 1912 will be at an end and a new period of school work will be entered upon. Progress has been made in Sunday school plans during this year, and many ideas are now something more than theories. If you do not introduce some of these things into your school next year you are going to fall behind the procession, for other schools will adopt some of them.

How about making a Christmas present to yourself of some good book on Sunday school management. If you are a superintendent, you need this. If you are a teacher, get some book on your line and get better helps for next year.

So many Sunday school officers and teachers never try to find things that will help them, yet our publishing house (Christian Publishing House, Dayton, Ohio) and other concerns are always glad to send samples. Get some of them and find the most meritorious for your own use.

Resolve to make 1913 your best year. Then resolve to carry that resolution into effect.

NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC, DEC. v.

Subject—Missionary Achievements. Phil. 2:1-16 (Consecration.)

M.—A city saved .....Jonah 3:5-10
T.—Dead souls quickened...Ezek. 37:1-14
W.—Prison missions .....Acts 16:19-31
T.—Missions to kings .....Acts 9:10-16
F.—Personal work .....Acts 8:26-40
S.—I can stand by.....2 Tim. 4:9-12
Sunday, December 1.—Topic.

A Suggested Programme.

1. Song service of missionary hymns.
2. Let the society repeat, standing, the verse of Heber's hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," beginning "Waft, waft ye winds His story."
3. The Lord's Prayer in unison, the society standing.
4. Song or special music.
5. Prayer by two members of the missionary committee.
6. Scripture reading by the leader and the missionary committee, responsively.
7. Song.
8. The leader's talk.
9. General participation.
10. Three-minute talks, "Missionary achievements."
11. Testimonies by members, "Great achievements of missionaries."
12. Song; brief prayer between each stanza.
13. The pastor's five minutes.
14. Closing exercises and benediction.

Notes on the Lesson.

The Northern Baptists have started to raise three millions this year for all missionary purposes. The churches are to be asked for two millions, and individuals for one.

The Northern Prebyterians gave over two millions to Foreign Missions last year. They sent out ninety-seven new missionaries.

The North American Bible Society last year distributed 4,550 copies of the Scriptures in Southeastern Arabia. This was done in spite of the most fanatical opposition upon the part of Moslems.

There are 2,029 organized churches in China. There are 4,209 foreign missionaries and 12,116 Chinese Christian workers. The China Inland Mission sent out sixty-five new missionaries last year.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel supports 1,254 missionaries, about 3,000 teachers, 3,200 students in its colleges, and about 71,500 children in the mission schools in Asia and Africa.

Africa now has 4,542 missionaries, 26,574 native workers, and 1,934,372 native Christians. There are signs of encouraging progress in practically every mission on the continent. In order to reach the last native, missionaries must learn 843 languages and dialects.

"The relations between missions and money is by no means a remote one. There is a good deal of evangelistic work, missionary and otherwise, which may be done without money, but missiosary work which means going out beyond town or state or nation means that pocketbooks as well as people must be laid upon the altar of service. You can speak to your neighbor without any expenditure of money, but you can not speak to the man on the other side of the world, if some one does not pay for the expense of doing so."

"Another reason why too many people fail to give of their means to missions is their lack of faith. This lack of faith manifests itself in the feeling that "there is so much to be done, and my small offering will not be worth while." They are rich men who ought to give liberally for the spread of the gospel whom covetousness keeps from doing so. There are a far greater number, however, of those who are able to give only a little, who withold their offerings with the feeling that small gifts are not worth while."

"There is a common hindrance to missionary giving which might,by a little wise teaching be gotten rid of. This hin-

drance is carelessness and lack of system in his giving may have good impulses, but he is seldom a liberal giver. Often he fancies that he is, because he has no idea what he has done with his money. Recognize the claims of God's cause upon you by setting apart regularly a sum that shall be kept sacredly for that purpose."

Or it never would be found,
And some one has to grind it
Or it never would be ground.
But when it's found
And when it's ground
And when it's burnished bright,
That diamond's everlastingly
Just washing out its light."

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bid that in the midst of an age intensely material in its trend the vision is being lost entirely.

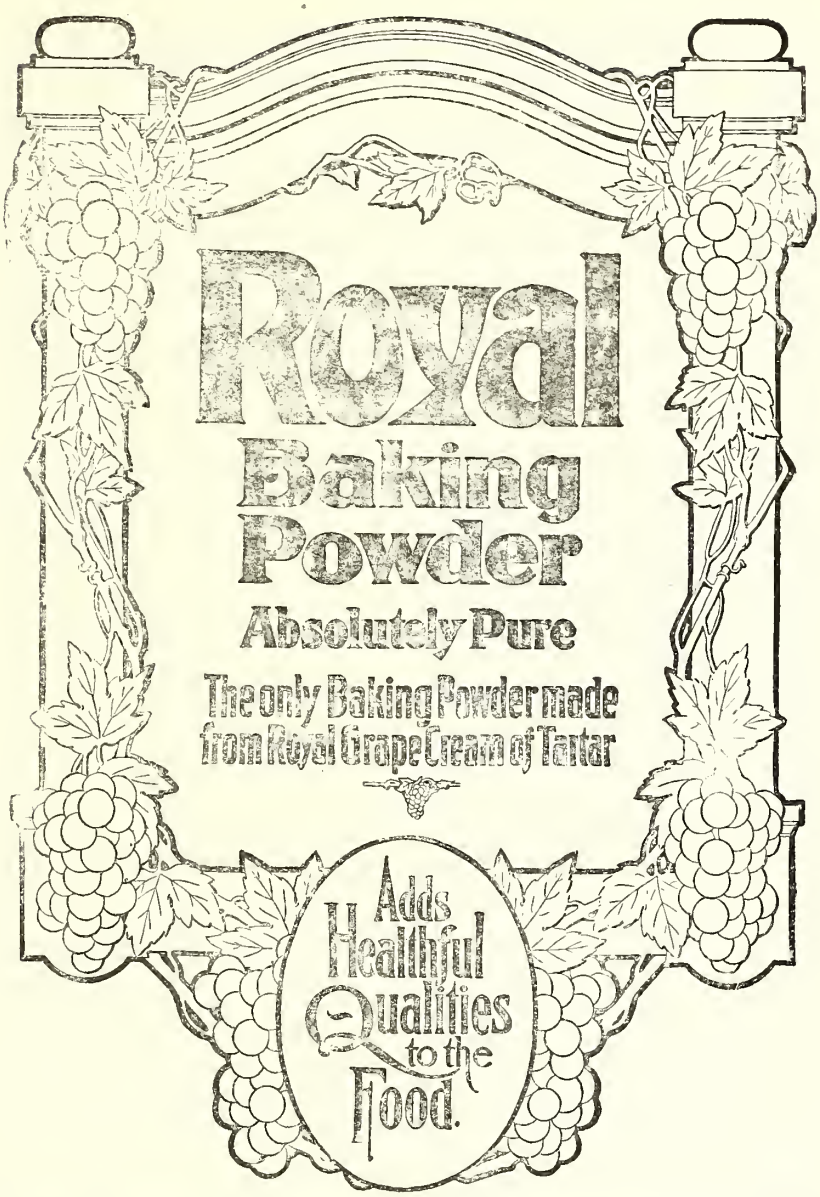
Nothing save a new comprehension of the unselfish ideal embodied in the suffering and crucified Christ can ever save our land from the subtle and insidious danger lurking in its own prosperity.

We reflect sadly upon the fact that today all values are reckoned in terms of the dollar. There is no getting around this. Everywhere, we are stared in the face by it, reminded of it, chagrined by it. Whatever one may be with money, without it one is less than nothing, as the world appraises the matter.

For money and the power which it represents men barter their honor, their integrity and their souls. For it, women sell their bodies and mortgage their hopes of the eternal years to the Powers of darkness and the pit. Our daughters may be as sweet and uncontaminated as the waters that in crystal clearness flow from beneath some beetling crag of granite at the mountain base, but unless they keep up with fashion they have but slim chance of recognition in "social circles."

Where is that heaven-born soul, mighty enough and enough of a Prince of God, who shall so lift his voice in the midst of this Mammon-worshipping generation as that we shall be recalled again to a love of "the good, the beautiful and the true?" Who shall bring us again to our dreams of the nobility of honest, if unpretentious toil, who shall again again teach us that there are values other than those which may be expressed by the dollar mark?

Henry Spencer Booth.



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ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S BOARD.

To The Eastern Virginia Christian Conference:

At the session of the Eastern Virginia Conference held in 1911, it was decided that the Conference should have a Woman's Missionary Board, thus doing its part to supply a long-felt need in the Southern Christian Conferences, the need of Woman's organized missionary work. It was understood this Board was to be auxiliary to the Woman's Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention, Three members were appointed: Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Franklin, Va., Mrs. W. H. Dick, Suffolk, Va., and Miss Margaret H. Brickhouse, Norfolk, Va.

This Board of three met for organization in the Suffolk Christian Church, December 5, 1911. Officers were named as follows: President, Mrs. C H. Rowland; Treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Dick; Secretary, Miss Margaret H. Brickhouse. Dr. J. O. Atkinson met with the Board and rendered valuable assistance. Constitutions for Conference Missionary Boards and Missionary Societies were adopted, subject to the approval of the Southern Christian Convention Board. Plans were discussed and outlined for arousing more misisonary interest and for developing the work throughout the Conference.

The next meeting of the Board was held October 25, 1912, at which time reports were made regarding the year's work. All churches in the Conference have been communicated with twice or oftener, pastors and members being urged to organide Women's Missionary Societies. The Board has by no means satisfied its ambition, but is thankful for the progress that has been made.

There are, at this time, in the Conferences, 9 Women's Missionary Societies, all organized during the past year. The total membership is approximately 275; the total amount received by Conference Board treasurer, including dues from Children's Societies and Cradle Rolls, also Special funds, is $320.00. Two children's Societies have been reported and two Cradle Rolls. Three Societies have been studying some Missionary book, such as "Western Women in Eastern Lands," or "The Decisive Hour in Christian Missions." Four Societies have combined to raise $115.00, the salary of a Bible woman in Japan. One Society has sent $50.50 on Pedor Roman's salary. In many churches the work is being carefully considered.

The purpose of the Woman's Board is to establish a Woman's Missionary Society in every church of the Conference, even if only a few members can be enrolled, and wherever practicable, to organize Young People and Children's Societies and Missionary Cradle Rolls. The Board members desire also that some of the many interesting books on Missions be read or studied in connection with the work of the societies, thus giving more widespread knowledge of conditions and needs in other lands and at home. It is moreover, their belief, that as these societies are organized and the work developed, offerings will be increased to supply more adequately the present demand, and lives will be more deeply consecrated for service in the evangelization of the world.

That these purposes be fulfilled, the Board will need the hearty and untiring co-operation of the pastors, the women of our churches, and all who have the cause of missions deeply at heart. The earnest prayers of the people will be needed, and a willingness on the part of all who may be called on, to do what they can for the progress of women's organized missionary work in our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret H. Brickhouse.
Secty. Missionary Board.

(It is hoped that other Conference Boards will send copies of their reports to Conferences to this Department for publication. Mrs. C. H. R.)

—Can't somebady do something for missions, and turn back the tide that seems to have set in against us? Or do we not care at all any more?

—Dr. Staley gives an interesting account in the Suffolk Letter of the marriage of Miss Jennie Lee Williams of Nansemond county, well known to many Christian Sun readers for her many charms and graces.

ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

It took a day to get there and a day to get home and four days to finish its work, but brethren; 'twas worth it—worth every minute of it, was the forty-sixth session of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference, which assembled in the Pleaant Grove Christian church, Randolph County, the past week. It was a great body of great men engaged in a great work—the Lord's work. We just had to enjoy ourselves. Every report showed progress, and, what was more, hope and determination to realize the hope. The report of the work at Liberty, where a new $2,000 church is being erected, and at High Point and Asheboro, where two fine churches in embryo are now taking form, was especially gratifying. The Conference raised more money than usual, laid larger plans than usual, gave a liberal contribution for the seating of the Ponce, Porto Rico, church, and closed with a season of prayer for the restoration to health of one of its most devoted and competent laywomen, followed by a good-bye service that brought willing tears to joyous hearts.

Dr. Newman was unable to attend his Conference, but preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning on the Need of Power in the Church.

The Y. M. C. A. is getting hold on the unsaved men of the College. One has already professed faith in Christ as a result of the personal work its members are doing, and on Sunday he joined the local church. If the Y. M. C. A. everywhere would leave off its worldlimindedness and confine itself to such effective Chritian service as is rendered by the local organization, this scribe would never say another word in criticism of it.

Rev. J. G. Robertson of the M. E. Church South, Suffolk, Va., was a pleasant visitor to the College Saturday and Sunday. He attended the Sunday services and was highly pleased with things, and especially noted the size of our Sunday school and its efficiency.

The local church closed the Conference year with all obligations met and with $50.65 in the Treasury. The local Sunday school paid $28.00 to the Home Mission Fund of the Conference. The "C. B. C." Organized Bible Class took a membership in the Christian Missionary Association and has recently given $12.50 to the Orphanage.

Dr. Atkinson is to be the pastor next year and give two Sundays to the work. Uncle Wellons is to be Co-pastor. Two more faithful paistors or more efficient are not known to us.

Rev. L. I. Cox and Rev. J. W. Patton

attended the W. N. C. Conference last week and were chosen as Presidnt and Secretary respectively.

Rev. J. F. Morgan, Rev. B. J. Earp, and Messrs. C. B. Riddle, L. W. Fogleman, W. T. Lewis, and T. J. Green of the student body also attednded this Conference.

Elsewhere in this issue the gift of $2,000 to the College by the Francis Asbury Palmer Board is told of. The College is grateful. Its friends will rejoice with it.

The Thanksgiving Services bid fair to be especially enjoyable. The Orphanage children will give a recital that morning. The regular College Thanksgiving dinner will be served in due season and at night the annual entertainment of the Philologian Literary Society will be given. On Friday evening following will occur the Fall term recital of the Music Departmet and on Saturday evening the Seniors and Juniors will measure intellectual swords in a public debate. In all these exercises a lively interest centers and our friends are invited to join us.

Many ministers have signified their intention to attend the Dr. J. J. Summerbell lectures on Campbellism, which begin December the fourth.

Mrs. R. E. Spencer and daughter, Annie, of Asheboro, N. C., visited Prof. Lawrence's family this week.

W. A. H.

—We are giving a monthly financial statememnt—for October—from our Mission Treasurer, Dr. J. G. Bishop, Dayton, Ohio. The over drafts for that month were only $4,950.74, and only one loan of a thousand dollars had to be negotiated, and the total indebtedness at the end of the month was only $8,181.68, and the receipts for October 1912 are only $1,125.24, less than the receipts for October 1911—which is "only" going some. Great heavens, beloved brethren and friends, are we to sit supinely by and keep our hands folded, and our pocket books closed and our hearts unmoved while our struggling mission cause suffers like this? God of our fathers forbid. What can arouse us, as to our missionary opportunities and obligations?

—After a recount of the votes it is found that Col. Roosevelt carried California by 72 plurality, a close vote indeed for a great State.

—Congressman "Nick" Longworth, husband to "`iss" Alice Roosevelt, was defeated in the recent election by 97 votes. What a dull place Washington will be without Mrs. Alice Longworth!

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For particulars ask any Ticket Agent.

W. W. Croxton,
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Norfolk, Va., June 28, 1912.

—President Taft has fixed the rate of toll for ships passing through the Panama Canal as follows: Merchant vessels $1.20 per ton when carrying cargo and passengers; same on army and navy transports; hospital and supply ships 50 cts per ton.

—President-elect Woodrow Wilson has announced that he will convene Congress as soon as possible after his inauguration next March as he wishes Congress to get busy and redeem ante-campaign pledges.

—Edward F. Clark, possibly the most notorious and daring dynamiter ever known, and now testifying in the McNamara trial at Indianapolis, Ind., says he carried his dynamite around in a big market basket. He was employed to blow up "jobs" not operated by union men. "I went into dynamiting" said the witness, "because in listening to others I was inflamed with a foolish idea that that was a good way to carry on a campaign against non-union work." Parker has confessed to blowing up scores of buildings, bridges etc., where non-union men were employed. Crime and violence and evil deeds never help, they ever and always hurt, any cause in this world.

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Another week brings us nearer the Thanksgiving time and you see the Offerings are coming in. We feel thankful for them all. Mr. B. N. Duke of New York has indeed helped us with his liberal gift this week. In his wealth Mr. Duke does not forget the Institutions of Charity which are so worthy.

The Sunday schools are increasing their amounts encouragingly. This means a going forward with our work and many comforts for the children, that have not been theirs as yet. Remember our plan is to pay all indebtedness, leaving no bills behind if possible.

Friends are sending boxes and barrels for Thanksgiving. We have their letters but freight is so uncertain we have to wait patiently. They will be reported, and you notified, dear friend, just as soon as they arrive.

The report from the New Hope Christian church Valley Va. was meant to be wheat, but they gave the value in money. This is just the same to us and we are so grateful. Other churches from the Valley have wheat, canned goods etc., on the way for us, but haven't come yet. We report their cash donation. We are expecting these nice gifts soon.

Mr. W. B. Woodard who is to take charge of the farm work at the Orphanage has arrived and his family will follow soon. He will take up the work right away and we hope get settled in his new home comfortably in a short while.

A few weeks ago on the Indebtedness we reported Mr. J. Willis Lee $50.00. This should have been Berea (Nan'sd) church and Mr. Lee. These kind friends have given largely in their monthly S. S. Orphanage also. We have two children from this community—Susannah and Oscar Winner who have been two weeks with us.

We have communicated with our entire field in the Thanksgiving call and are expecting a large offering. We hope for $2000.00 ? Now friends what part of that amount will you give? We ask pastors and churches as soon as the offering is taken to send in. If possible have a special session and invite the public and make the hour worth while.

Thank the many kind friends for words of good cheer asd many gifts for the orphans.

Yours for service,
Uncle Jim.

Roxboro, N. C.,
September 16, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I send $1.00. I am 1 year old, and weigh 18 lbs. 50 cents is for the Orphanage and the other half dollar is to treat James, Mary Lee and the 18 youngest children there. I have 6 teeth. Brother had 8 at my age.

I am going to have a party and hope the little folks named above received their invitation. I have a cake with one tall white candle on it.

I didn't finih telling you about my visit to Aunt Minnie's. I loved Lissa, but wanted to stay with Aunt Minnie most of the time. It was so cold while we were there that we had fire and mama put some of our winter clothes back on us.

The 22nd of this month Aunt Minnie came to see us and brought William and Melissa. She and William returned that night, but Melissa stayed until the following morning. We surely enjoyed having them. I enjoyed being held and caressed; for I am an affectionate little creature.

I seem to be a confirmed dirt eater and guess I will soon be through with my peck. There is a place at one side of Dada's mantel that has fresh grits and bits of coal every morning. I crawl there every chance I have and crawl fast too. I don't swallow the grits, but mother sees I don's swallow the grits, but mother sees me chewing and runs and takes the things out of my mouth.

I can pull up by the hall seat, and bannisters and take a few steps. You ought to see me in my baby yard mother gave me for a birthday gift. I hold to the sides and walk on that. I have a handsome baby spoon and a sweet birthday letter from Pontie. Pontie and Margaret West had each given William Staley one and mamma had said she guessed I would have to use one of his, but I have one of my own. Brother learned to say his prayers when he was eleven months old and mamma told me I must do the same. I succeeded. I jabber when I hold my hands up.

Fondly,
Florence Harvey Cheatham.

The children enjoyed their treat Florence and many, many thanks are sent you and their best wishes for many happy birthdays to come.

Roxboro, N. C.,
September 20, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I have been to Houston for the second time to visit Lissa and William Cook and also attended Home Coming Day at Pleasant Grove. We went to church there on Ist Sunday and Monday in August. We had a fine time at Aunt Minnie's and played in her nice sandy walk. I fell in love with Esther, Mr. Sam Farmer's baby girl. We spent that Sunday at Mr. E. T. Pierce's and he and I, Jamie, Edgar and Mr. Sipe had a nice time togetherku, at least I did. Sister stayed in the house with the ladies. We fed the ducks and

guineas, sat in the swing, picked up apples, and played with a little wagon. The first wagon they gave me, I said wasn't a wagon, because some of the wheels did not turn. We came home the following Monday P. M., and at Houston a boy was piling coal on the rail and said he was going to wreck the train. I said to a smaller boy than that one "Little boy tell that boy to take that off; he might make the train stumble and fall." Then I was braver and said it to the large boy himself. Of course Mama thought it was a bright thought for me. The boy didn't take it off, but when the train was almost there, the agent saw it and scolded him heartily and told him to take it off quick and never to do that again.

I had a pleasant time at my birthday party. There were 14 of us present. It was the first party sister ever attended. We had oatmeal and graham crackers, little dinner biscuit, chocolate ice cream from the Halifax creamery in South Boston, Va., and after dinner mints. I received the nice letter from the children and appreciate it and think it so sweet of them to write it themselves and sign their own names to it. The Sun made a mistake in my last letter. It should have said in the rooms furnished by Dada, Grandma and Greatma instead of Grandpa; for Greatma helped furnish one.

We often send our dimes ahead of our letters and sometimes send several at once, but request that they be not published in The Sun until our letters arrive. Sometimes Grandma pays our dimes and tells mama to write our letters. In the spring Grandma and Mama paid up till May for us. In August Grandma sent me a dime and told Papa to give Florence H. one, and when he went on to Elon he carried those 2 dimes from here and also gave Uncle Jim 4 more dimes apiece for us. You see that was a $1.00 and to pay our dues until November, as we sent dollars instead of dimes in our birth months. But our money was published all at once instead of monthly. That is why we will receive no credit with these letters. Mama sent you a quart jar of damson preserves. It will go from Pleasant Grove. We hope you like damsons and that they will be sweet enough. Much love. Annie is coming to see us tonight.

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Roger M. White.

Waverly, Va.

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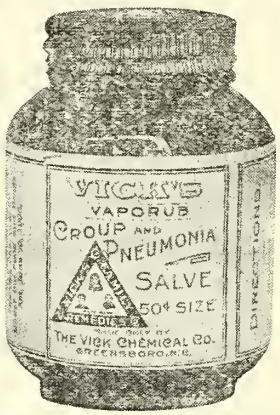

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Congregations at the Gulf Mills Church above normal last Sunday, and indications in our special revival services are encouraging thus far, although "Halloween" and the election made heavy breaks in the attendance and interest. There is much to be done in this section, for like most other sections there are many things to attract the unregenerated multitudes, and indifferent Christians from the Lord's service and worship. There are several conditions in our work here just now that lend interest and encouragement to the cause. I learned this week that the fall session of the New Jersey Conference, which met at Monroe, N. J. last week was a most delightful and harmonious one, even a "Love feast." Church meetings should always and ever be thus. As I am scarce of news this week suppose you let me slip in a little of last evenings Bible study, at our service.

After a careful study of the third chapter of Second Peter and noting what he says about the second coming of the Lord, turn attention to the eighteenth verse and after prayerfully analyzing it take a good look inward at self. The subject is "Growth." God commands it. It is worth the while to read Drummond on the subject. Let us look at it as follows: **(a)—There must be life.** There can be no growth without life. There may be increase but no growth. A stone may increase but it cannot grow. Wherever there is growth there is life as its secret source of power. We grow spiritually only as we possess spiritual life. John tells us that, "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Jesus declared Himself to be the "Life." Paul tells us that, "If any man hath not the spirit of Christ he is none of His"—Rom. 8:9.

Life is the first and fundamental condition of all growth, whether in the vegetable, animal, or spiritual kingdom.

(b)—There must be nutritious and suitable diet. Without this condition, not only can there be no growth but even life cannot be maintained. The kind of diet is determined by the kind of life to be nourished. That is true with reference to animal and plant life, and especially true of moral and spiritual life. Our Father has made rich and abundant provision for our spiritual food in the Biblee, religious literature, the church and her ordinances, a throne of grace and means of grace on every hand. Tis

pity any should grow thin and sickly, or starve for lack of nourishment and feed feed on the husks of the world. The prayermeeting is a much better feeding place than the theatre and picture show.

(b)—There must be proper exercise. The life must have good exercise if growth is obtained. Nourishment will not do the work of exercise. The field for the Christian is large and all may find opportunities for the exercise of all their gifts and powers. Faith need not grow and will not if given proper nourishment and exercise daily. The church furnishes a rich and inviting field.

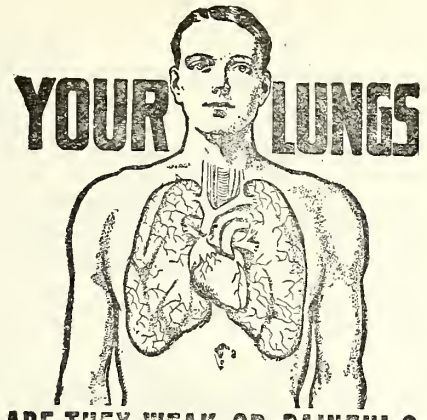
(d)—There must be suitable environment. Here again the climate or environment is determined by the kind of life involved. Some plants and animals can live and prosper only in certain adapted climates. Sometimes we have to change climates for our health. Rattlesnakes and doves belong to different atmospheres, and sheep and wolves do not pasture well together. Many lives are spoiled because of unwholly and unwholesome atmosphere or environment. Do not stunt your life by putting it in an atmosphere of sin and vice. About God's altar, and among His people is to be found the best climate for spiritual development and growth. Then when we are forced into other surroundings we shall have life to repeal the unwholesome atmosphere. We should not forget that life is repellant, expulsive, but also absorbant.

(e)—There must be freedom from disease. With life, suitable diet, suitable environment and proper exercise, disease may defeat growth and overcome all the other means. Just so is sin in the life. As long as it is retained and held to there can be no spiritual growth. But here again wonderful provision has been made for us. For the penitent soul Jesus has promised to "wash", "cast into the depths of the sea," "cast behind him," all our sins; and even to purge them and make them white as snow. Sin in the life defeating growth and development is there by consent of the individual.

II—Evidence of Growth.

(a)—There will be increased size. This suggests the thought of enlarged influence. You could not consider that a plant or animal had grown unless there was some increase in size. One of the first indications of spiritual growth is increased spiritual influence.

(b)—Increased strength. With growth there will be added strength and this suggests the thought of service. The growing Christian increases in strength and daily becomes more able to do for Christ, and to bear and forbear in the great struggle of life.



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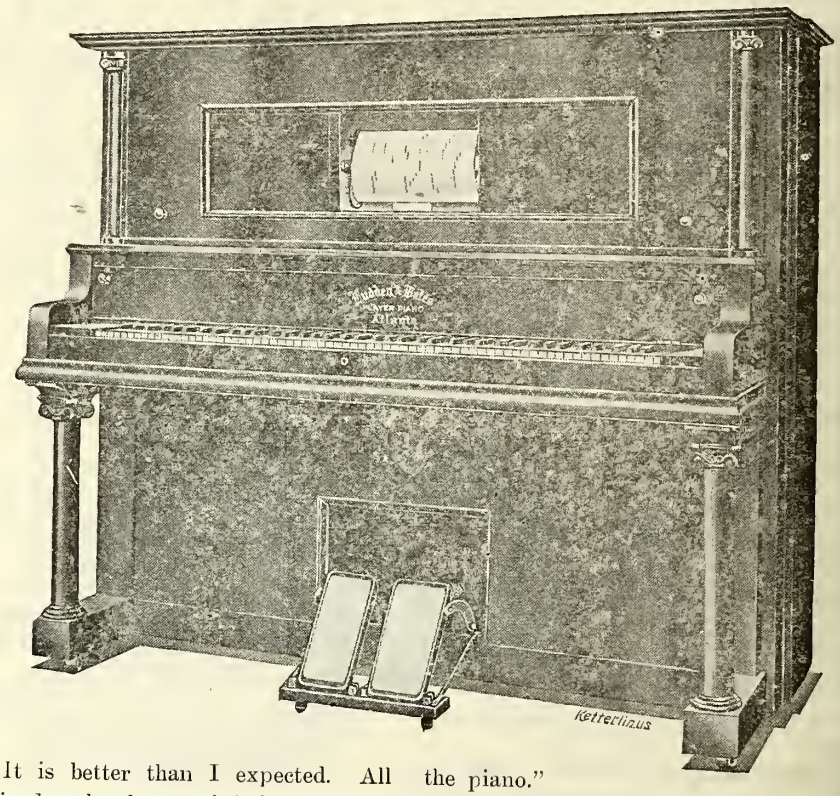

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